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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-11 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,3-11,13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment B, filed 8/22/2005.
2. Claims 1,3-11,13 are pending in this application. Claims 1,9,11,13 are independent claims and claims 1,3-11,13 were amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1,3-5,9,10,11,13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ishisaki ("Ishisaki", US# 6,938,216).

As per independent claim 1, Ishisaki teaches an improved graphical user interface (GUI) having a GUI selection box capable of displaying a selection set of items when a selection menu option is manipulated in a first manner, the improvement comprising: a hot list box displaying a subset of items from said selection set of items when said selection button is manipulated in a second manner (Column 5 lines 3-34),

wherein the items to be included in said subset of items are manually selectable by a user of said GUI (Column 9 lines 41-65).

As per claim 3, which is dependent on claim 1, Ishisaki teaches an improved GUI, wherein said subset of items displayed in said hot list is displayed in an order selectable by the user (Column 9 lines 57-60).

As per claim 4, which is dependent on claim 2, Ishisaki further teaches an improved GUI as set forth in claim 1, wherein a quantity of items displayed in said hot list box is selectable by the user (Column 9 lines 55-57).

As per claim 5, which is dependent on claim 2, Ishisaki further teaches an improved GUI as set forth in claim 1, wherein a method of determining which of said items from said selection set are to be displayed in said hot list is selectable by the user (Column 9 lines 55-57).

As per claim 9, Ishisaki teaches a method of providing a computer graphical user interface, utilizing a screen interface and a pointing device controlling a pointer, to perform a plurality of related functions, comprising: selecting a selection box through the appropriate positioning and manipulation of the pointer by way of said pointing device, said selection box configured to display a selection set of items (Column 5 lines 35-54); selecting a hot list box through the appropriate positioning and manipulation of said pointer with respect to said selection box, said hot list box configured to display a subset of the items displayable in said selection set, wherein the items to be included in said subset of items are manually selectable by a user said GUI (Column 5 lines 3-34); and

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selecting at least one of said items from said subset using said pointing device (Column 5 lines 1-2).

As per claim 10, which is dependent on claim 9, Ishisaki teaches the method wherein said hot list box is selected by right-clicking a button on said selection box using said pointing device (Column 7 lines 10-33).

Independent claims 11 and 13 are similar in scope to claim 9, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishisaki ("Ishisaki", US# 6,938,216) in view of Arcuri et al ("Arcuri", US# 6,121,968).

As per claim 6, which is dependent on claim 5, Ishisaki fails to distinctly point out determining most recently, or most frequent items. However, Arcuri teaches an improved GUI as set forth in claim 5, wherein said method of determining which of said items from said selection set are to be displayed in said hot list comprises listing the most recently selected items (Arcuri, col. 7, lines 39-51). Therefore it would have been

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obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to combine the most recently selected items of Arcuri with the method of Ishisaki. Motivation to do so would have been to enable a reduction of the overall movement of the input device as suggested by Ishisaki.

As per claim 7, which is dependent on claim 5, Ishisaki-Arcuri further teaches an improved GUI as set forth in claim 5, wherein said method of determining which of said items from said selection set are to be displayed in said hot list comprises listing the frequently selected items (Arcuri, col. 8, lines 67-75).

As per claim 8, which is dependent on claim 5, Ishisaki-Arcuri further teaches an improved GUI as set forth in claim 5, wherein said method of determining which of said items from said selection set are to be displayed in said hot list is applied to said hot list only after a predetermined number of items are to be displayed in said hot list (Arcuri, col. 7, lines 33-38).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,3-11,13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan F Pitaro whose telephone number is 571-272-4071. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm M-Th, and alternating F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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